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EMPLOYMENT TO SCS STS UNDER IWDP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was one of the objective of the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme(I\VDP) to generate employment, especially for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the objectives have been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.k.PATIL)

(a) to (d) : Under the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) the wastelands/degraded lands are developed with active community participation through in-situ soil and moisture conservation measures, afforestation, pasture development, water harvesting structures. gully controL check dams etc. All these activities are carried out by engaging labourers living in or around the project areas, which generate employment especially for .scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/landless labourers/people living below the poverty line. From 1.4.1995 till 31.3.2002, four hundred twenty three I\VDP projects covering an area of 37.22 lakh hectares at a total cost of Rs. 1868.58 crores are at various stages of implementation in the country. A total sum of Rs. 459.40 crores have been released for these projects. Based on the feed-back received in the Department, completed projects have been able to achieve the objectives for which these were sanctioned.